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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Policy # 10-02, Relief for Cause

1. REFERENCES.

- a. AR 623-105, Officer Evaluation Reporting System.
- b. AR 623-205, Noncommissioned Officer Reporting System.
- c. AR 600-20, Army Command Policy.

2. GENERAL.

- a. Relief for cause of an officer or NCO is a serious action with long-term professional and personal consequences.
- b. Such action should not be undertaken without consulting applicable regulations, technical experts (SJA and AG) and the chain of command to ensure due process and administrative accuracy. Applicable regulations will be strictly followed. Consultation with experienced superiors in the chain of command is essential.

3. RESTRICTIONS.

- a. Relief of an officer from any command position or relief of any MAJ, LTC, or COL from staff positions requires my written approval.
- b. Relief of any MSG (E-8) and above, warrant officer, LT or CPT from non-command positions requires written approval of the responsible brigade-level commander or first COL in the individual's rating chain.
- c. Relief of a SGT (E-5) through SFC (E7) requires written approval of the responsible battalion-level commander or first LTC in the rating chain.

4. SUPERSESSION. This memorandum supersedes the previous command policy of this subject.

5. PROPONENT. The proponent for this policy is the Staff Judge Advocate, 60624.

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